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Re: Application of Akinobu MAEYAMA, Masanori KODA
AN OIL PRESSURE CONTROL APPARATUS FOR AN INTERNAL
COMBUSTION ENGINE
Assignee: **UNISIA JECS CORPORATION**
Our Ref: Q77595

Dear Sir:

This is a request for a Continuation Application of pending prior Application No. 09/986,782 (Confirmation No.5967) filed November 9, 2001, which is a Continuation Application of now U.S. Patent No. 6,382,148 filed May 25, 2000 of Akinobu MAEYAMA, Masanori KODA entitled AN OIL PRESSURE CONTROL APPARATUS FOR AN INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b). Enclosed is a specification, including the claims and abstract, 9 sheet(s) of drawings, and a copy of the Declaration as filed in the prior application. Also enclosed is a copy of the Assignment, an Information Disclosure Statement, PTO/SB/08 A & B listing references cited by Applicant and/or the Examiner during prosecution of the parent application.

The prior application is assigned to Group Art Unit 3748.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

This is a continuation of Application No. 09/986,782 filed November 9, 2001, which is a Continuation Application of now U.S. Patent No. 6,382,148 filed May 25, 2000; the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.

Priority is claimed from:

<u>Country</u>	<u>Application No</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
Japan	11-163584	June 10, 1999
Japan	11-176978	June 23, 1999

The priority document(s) were filed in parent Application No. 09/577,620.



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The application is timely filed.

Respectfully submitted,

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